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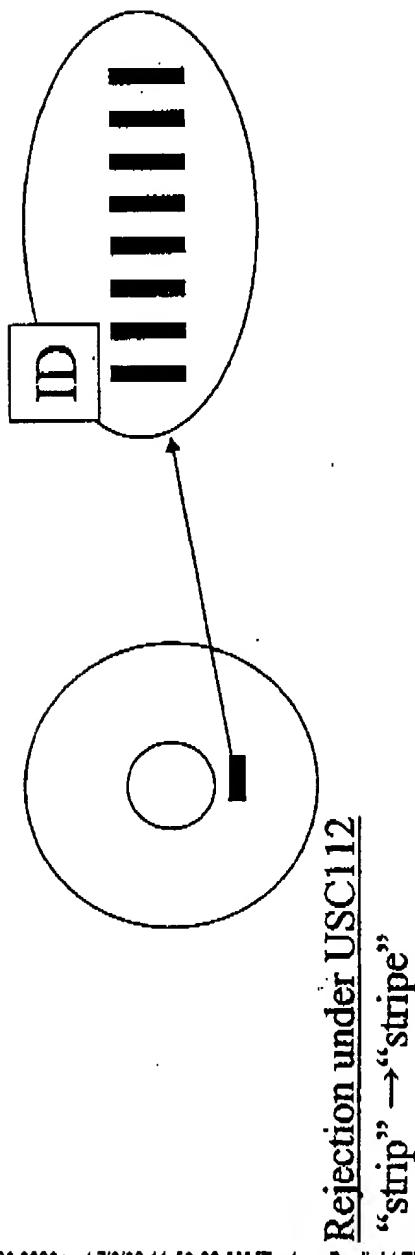
Tom:

For the interviews tomorrow on the following applications, please see the information transmitted herewith.

1. S.N. 09/886,130 (Our: MEIC:011G2 [P14319-27])
Amendment filed April 22, 2003.
2. S.N. 09/917,877 (Our: MEIC:011I [P14319-22])
Amendment filed April 22, 2003.
3. S.N. 09/964,378 (Our: MEIC:011H [P14319-15])
Continuation; no action yet.

Roger W. Parkhurst
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09/917,877 (P14319-22, MEIC:0111)



Rejection under USC101

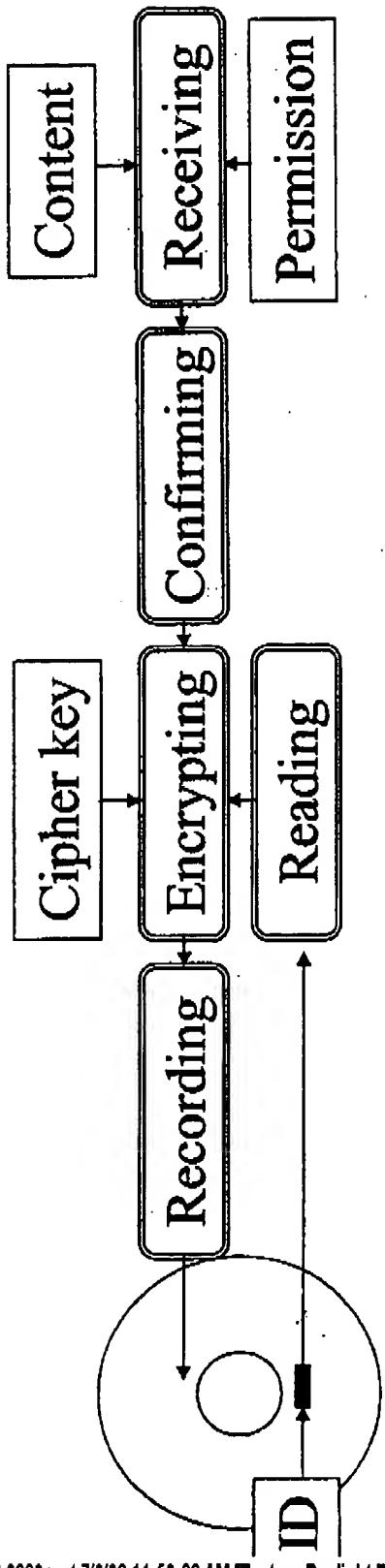
The claimed disk is not merely a disk containing data, but the disk is a **recordable disk by a recording device** and useful for preventing illegal copy.

Rejection under USC103(a) (102(b)?)

In the File;

- ① The disk is a CD-ROM not recordable disk.
- ② The code pattern (22, second recording area) is **not disposed within the hub area (12, first recording area)**.
- ③ The each stripe pattern does **not extend along a radius of the disk**. A head which reads the first recording area is not capable of reading the pattern.
- ④ In column 8 lines 21-34, it is **disclosed only that the code pattern is read for confirmation**. A indicator indicating the presence of code pattern is not disclosed.

09/886,130 (PI4319-27, MEIC.011G2)



Rejection under USC 103(a)
 "after" is deleted.

Rejection under USC 112
 In the Fite,

- ① "access code" is not for permitting recording of content.
- ② A received information is only "access code" and "content information" deferent from "permission information" is not received.
- ③ The disk is a CD-ROM and does not record a received information.

In the O'conner,

- ① The ID is unique to a hardware not a disk.

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paid for from being replayed normally, even if the disk is shoplifted, because the scramble of the image is not released. As a result, shoplifting yields a useless product, and thus decreases.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1-28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

PENDING CLAIMS 29-34

Please add the following new claims 29-34 as follows:

29. (New) An information recording device for recording information on an optical disk comprising a first recording area and a second recording area, said device comprising:

means for recording information using a first modulation method into a first recording area of such an optical disk;

means for reading disk identification information recorded by a second modulation method in a second recording area of the optical disk said means including an optical head which is also capable of reading information recorded in the first recording area; and

means for encrypting information using at least both a cipher key and said disk identification information unique to the

optical disk, into encrypted information unique to the same optical disk, and

means for permitting recording of said encrypted information by said means for recording after confirming the content of a recording permission code in an input signal to said means for recording.

09/451,437ALLOWED CLAIMS

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MSIC-011E

29. (Four Times Amended) An information recording device for recording information on an optical disk comprising a first recording area and a second recording area, said device comprising:

means for recording encrypted information using a first modulation method into a first recording area of such an optical disk;

means for reading auxiliary information including disk identification information recorded by a second modulation method in a second recording area of the optical disk;

means for detecting the presence of auxiliary information;

means for encrypting information using at least both a cipher key and disk identification information unique to the optical disk, into such encrypted information unique to the same optical disk; and

means for permitting recording of such encrypted information by said means for recording after confirming the presence of said auxiliary information.